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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving

MANY elements enter into the composition of the thanksgiving impulse. And, although the State issues its proclamation calling upon the people to give thanks in the spirit of gratitude, it is doubtful if one can be thankful by proclamation any more than one can fall head over ears in love, on demand. There is, for instance, the matter of temperament. Some people are temperamentally thankless. Gratitude and the spirit of praise seem to be left out of their substance. They may not be bad in any real sense, and yet they seem always to want so much they haven't got that they seem never really to be grateful for what they possess.

THEN there is the matter of training and experience and the degree to which one has been served and pampered. One must needs have been in want to appreciate a blessing. Only adversity of some kind, or misfortune, or deprivation, can inspire in some hearts a sense of gratitude through the relief of such necessity. If the spirit of gratitude is of value then there are many people in the world whose greatest blessing would consist in a substantial privation.

THANKSGIVING, too, may be a very petty affair. If one can be thankful only in the spirit of selfishness, its value may well be doubted. If in order to be thankful for two good legs one must see a one-legged man hobble up the street; if, in order to be thankful for a sound liver, one must see a miserable dyspeptic buy a bottle of wine bitters; or if, in order to be thankful for a good dinner, one must send a turkey to some one who hasn't had a square meal for a year—then the whole idea of thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Day is reduced to its lowest terms.

THE fact is, the spirit of thanksgiving must be cultivated, like any other attribute of human nature. Thanksgiving by proclamation can only then be efficacious when it is the public recognition of a heart quality which is active every day of a person's life. True thanksgiving is a quality that cannot be applied simply to one's own little incidents of good fortune. It is a far more potent impulse than that, for it should relate itself to the whole sphere of human interest. Wisely directed it can not only wait upon success, good health, friendship and the full rounds of personal prosperity, it can respond to a spiritual interpretation of trial and care and disappointment. Thanksgiving arises from hearts attuned to the whole complicated symphony of human experience. To reach its highest expression it must have been inspired by the glory and wonder of life itself, and all that life includes. It is, essentially, a religious thrill—a kind of spontaneous, loving, childlike uplook into the gracious face of the Infinite. When Thanksgiving is what it ought to be and may be, it

expresses, not the incidental and temporary, but the whole habit of life formed by a sane and reverent attitude towards every turn of human experience.

"A Word With The Churches"

AT the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association, held in Tremont Temple on May 25, 1915, the Delegates from the Churches and the Life Members adopted by a unanimous vote the following significant Resolution:

Since there is at the present time a special interest in religious questions, and since current revivalism is setting forth a crude and false doctrine and is attacking Unitarians and what the name Unitarian represents, and since wars and general disturbances are stirring the minds of the people here and abroad to consider more carefully the fundamental things of thought and life,

Resolved, That we make special efforts during this year to meet this need and opportunity; by more directly and zealously studying and teaching the principles of our faith; by employing men and women to work in places where Unitarianism is unknown or misunderstood; by reaching out into the neighborhoods about our established churches with special meetings; by entering more aggressively upon work in our own churches; by printing tracts suited to the peculiar needs of the time; by encouraging the writing and publishing of books on timely subjects treated from our point of view; by making grants of money as far as funds permit to local enterprises for spreading our ideas; and by any means which the officers and agents of the American Unitarian Association or other workers can devise to increase during the year an interest in the sane and beneficent religion which is committed to our care.

NOW the Officers and Directors you elected at that annual meeting to be your executive agents understand that this resolution implies three things:

I. That the Churches mean business and propose to support their executive agents in their efforts to carry this resolution into effect.

II. That the Churches would consider their representatives open to severe criticism if they were to allow this resolution to become a dead letter, or by indifference to the instructions of the members of the Association should take no energetic measures to carry out its provisions.

III. That the ministers and people of the Churches realize that the degree to which their wishes can be met by the Directors depends upon the amount of money the people of the various congregations contribute for the support of the work. The energy and effectiveness of our endeavors must be measured by the generosity of the people who owe allegiance to this cause.

THE Officers and Directors of the Association have taken the resolution seriously and, confident that the contributions from the Churches will justify a vigorous and well-directed advance, have made plans to expend this year more money than ever before in forward movement efforts.

In addition to the many beneficent activities which have been carried forward by the Association in past years, the Directors propose to undertake the following *new enterprises*:

1. To improve the quality, enlarge the volume and variety, and increase the distribution of our *Books and Tracts*, in accordance with the recommendations of the special commission appointed last year.

2. To employ men and women who can give intelligent direction to the work of *Religious Education* in our Churches, to hold teachers' institutes and provide normal courses, to publish the greatly needed manuals of the new Beacon Course of Study, and to prepare and issue a new Song and Service Book for Sunday Schools.

3. To invigorate the *Churches and Missions* that have been planted at such centers of influence in America as Seattle, Wash.; Richmond, Va.; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Atlanta, Ga.; Albany, N. Y.; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Colorado Springs, Col.

4. To sustain the work of the weaker churches of our fellowship in country and city, east and west, north and south. The exigencies of these times make the condition of some of these churches, especially those in Canada and in the Southern States, exceedingly critical.

5. To stimulate the growth of liberal sentiments and increase fellowship among our Scandinavian fellow-citizens in the Northwest, and to encourage our Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic, and Finnish fellow-workers in their efforts.

6. To send preachers and lecturers into those parts of the country where our gospel is seldom or never heard, and to encourage the groups of isolated liberals in such centers as Austin and Houston, Tex.; Birmingham, Ala.; Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.; Charleston, W. Va.; Richmond, Cal.

7. To send preachers and parish assistants to help develop the spiritual energy and business efficiency of certain selected groups of churches, such as those in the Merrimac and Connecticut Valleys of New England, in Eastern New Jersey, in the Ohio and Missouri Valleys, in Texas and in the Central Southern States.

8. To foster intelligent publicity work in our churches and to employ a secretary for publicity, who will visit and plan with ministers and church committees effective and dignified methods of developing church efficiency and publishing our gospel.

TO maintain the older lines of our activities and at the same time add these new enterprises will require contributions from the churches of not less than $75,000. In the last fiscal year the contributions of the churches barely reached $50,000. The Directors were therefore obliged to practice a great many undesirable economies and to give a reluctant denial to the urgent appeals of many good causes. In spite of these economies the expenses of the work exceeded the income by some $16,000.

Your Officers and Directors believe that you wish this work to be carried forward with vigor and efficiency. The final responsibility rests with you and with the people of the Churches. Give generously and promptly and the work of this year may be significant in the history of the Unitarian movement and prophetic of a larger work in the years which are to come.

LEWIS G. WILSON, *Secretary.*

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Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, *Secretary* — F. Stanley Howe, *Assistant Secretary*

Ministerial Personals

Rev. S. C. Beane, D.D., has resigned at Grafton, Mass., after a ministerial service in various parishes in New England covering more than half a century.

Rev. G. W. Bell was ordained at Stoneham, Mass., on October 6th.

Rev. Hosmer McKoon has resigned at Castine, Me.

Rev. H. E. B. Speight has resigned at Victoria, B. C., to accept a call to Berkeley, Cal.

Mr. William Short, Jr., has accepted a call to Palo Alto, Cal.

Rev. Charles T. Billings has resigned at Lowell to accept a call to Belmont, Mass.

New Movements

Movements looking towards the organization of new churches have been going forward during the past month at Austin, Tex., under the charge of Rev. Benjamin R. Bulkeley; at Charleston, W. Va., under Rev. Julian R. Pennington; and in Richmond, Cal., under the direction of Rev. Paul M. McReynolds. Provisional organizations have been made at all three places and the prospects are good for the establishment of permanent centers of influence.

Buildings

Two new church buildings are now ready for dedication. The church of the Second Society in Athol, Mass., will be dedicated on Sunday, October 31st, and the new church of the Society in Atlanta, Ga., will be dedicated on Sunday November 7th. The Association will be represented at Athol by Dr. Eliot and at Atlanta by Mr. Lawrance. Two other new buildings are in process of construction. These are the chapel for the University Church in Seattle, Wash., and the new meeting-house of the Second Society in Brookline, Mass. At two of the older Boston churches considerable interior changes have been made during the summer. The South Congregational Church has installed a very fine new organ, a gift of a member of the parish, and at King's Chapel stone floors have been laid in the chancel and aisles and the interior redecorated. The First Parish in Cohasset has purchased a fine old house directly opposite the church for use as a Parish House. It was built by the first minister and has been occupied by several of his successors.

The Annual Appeal

Each year it has been the custom of the Association to prepare a statement of the work which the officers and directors propose to undertake for the forthcoming year. This has now been prepared under the caption "Our Work Together," and is available for distribution in quantity to any society desiring it in advance of its collection for the American Unitarian Association. We also are ready to supply envelopes to be used for the same purpose and it is hoped that churches will send for these appeals and envelopes and use them freely among their parishioners. The appeal is attractively printed in two colors and sets forth concisely the aims and purposes of the Association for the coming year giving ample suggestions for all interested Unitarians as to means whereby they may co-operate in the work.

The Red, White and Blue Unitarian Button

This button mentioned last month was suggested by a letter received from an Associate Member in which the following words appear:

"Unitarianism is so big and wholesome, so American too! That is one thing I like about it, it is so in harmony with our national liberty. My husband's people are all Lutherans, and they take great pride in calling themselves 'true blue

Lutherans.' I am going to take more pride in calling myself a red, white and blue Unitarian."

The purpose of the button is to express the identity of the religious liberty which we enjoy and the political freedom whose emblem is the stars and stripes. Our colors on this button are those of the national emblem interwoven in such a way as to indicate harmony in diversity and undying confidence in the oneness of divine and human relations. It is intended to illustrate that what democracy is in the state, as exemplified by our grand Republic, spiritual democracy is in the glorious congregationalism and freedom of thought as illustrated by our Unitarian fellowship.

The interpretation of the button is as follows:

a. The large star on the blue center represents the AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION, the central organization of all Unitarian Work. It maintains departments with skilled workers for Church Extension, Religious Education, Social Service, Foreign Work, Publicity, etc., and publishes *Word and Work* a monthly bulletin full of useful denominational news, and "The Beacon" a weekly paper for children and young people.

b. The five red rays stand for the five Presidents of the United States of America who have been pronounced Unitarians; namely, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Millard Fillmore, and William Howard Taft.

c. The five white rays represent the five points expressed in our Statement of Faith:

(1) The Fatherhood of God;
(2) The Brotherhood of Man;
(3) The Leadership of Jesus;
(4) Salvation by Character;
(5) The Progress of Mankind, onward and upward forever.

d. The twelve smaller stars are the twelve principal agencies for promoting Unitarian views and doing work in the interests of Unitarian principles. They are as follows:

(1) The General Conference of Unitarian and Other Christian Churches.
(2) The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women.
(3) The Young People's Religious Union.
(4) National League of Unitarian Laymen.
(5) Ministers' Institute.
(6) The Unitarian Temperance Society.
(7) The Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice.
(8) Canadian Unitarian Conference.
(9) The Beacon Press.
(10) *The Christian Register.*
(11) *The Unitarian Advance.*
(12) *The Pacific Unitarian.*

Each button comes pinned on a card, bearing all the above information, so that each person receiving one can become familiar with these essential denominational facts.

These buttons are furnished at 3 cents each, 2 for 5 cents, 25 cents per dozen, $2.00 per hundred. All these prices include delivery, and cash should accompany the order. They may be secured of the Publication Department, A. U. A., 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

Department of Religious Education

Orders for Miss Dadmun's book, the first to appear in *The New Beacon Course in Religious Education*, are being filled as rapidly as possible. The book is highly satisfactory as a piece of workmanship, being bright in appearance, with good paper and type, excellently bound, lying open well upon the table. One rarely finds so well-made a book of this size at so low a price. The handwork has also come out unusually well, and is, we believe, the most attractive of any such material now on the market prepared for Sunday-school pupils. It should be borne in mind that this book is as suitable for use in the home as it is for use in the school. It would be well if every mother as well as teacher of children from six to nine years of age would use this work. The tone of it is elevating, while the directions for using the story material are so full and clear and the handwork so closely related to

each lesson as to make the whole an equipment for teaching which we believe will stand comparison with any other now offered.

The Unitarian Sunday School Society will hold an Autumn Meeting and Rally at the Second Church, Boston, on November 3d. There will be sessions in the forenoon, afternoon and evening. The forenoon will be devoted to questions of school organization, — the place of the school in the church and community, its leadership, graded studies, examinations and promotions. It is planned to have three twenty-minute addresses on these topics, to be followed by general discussion. The afternoon will be devoted to the use of the Bible-drama and of pictures. Under the first heading it is planned to have three demonstrations of ways in which Bible stories may be dramatized: first, by having a class of children play a story which has just been told; second, by tableaux, illustrating Bible reading which will be given as the scene is shown; and third, the presentation of a Bible drama, with costumes and speaking parts. The second half of the afternoon will be devoted to the subject of teaching through pictures. There will be an address on the right choice of pictures. This will be followed by an illustrated lesson, using the stereopticon. The closing address will be on the use of various instruments in displaying pictures, such as the stereoscope, the stereopticon, and the reflectoscope. In the evening it is planned to have a full church service with sermon. Thus the day will be given to distinctly practical matters relating to Sunday-school work, and the evening to inspiration and religious uplift. Fuller notice of these meetings, together with programs, will be sent out in the near future.

An interesting occurrence was the recent inclusion of Unitarians in the State Convention of the New Hampshire Sunday School Association at Keene. The Secretary of this Department spoke twice at these meetings, while Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell, of the Keene Unitarian Church, were also on the program. The Sunday School Association is strictly evangelical and does not admit Unitarians to its fellowship. New Hampshire, however, has a remarkably broad-minded State Secretary, while at Keene the relationship between the churches, due largely to the personalities of our minister and his wife, is of a most cordial nature; the coincidence of these facts made possible this union of our people with those of other churches. The Secretary and the Associate Secretary have also attended the Convention of the Massachusetts Sunday School Association. In both these gatherings there was a notable prominence of leaders in Sunday-school work, known alike for their ability as teachers and organizers and for the breadth of their sympathies. Such things indicate a most significant forward step in the Sunday-school movement of this country.

The Associate Secretary of this Department is soon to visit churches in and about New York City, having appointments not only in that city but in Hackensack, White Plains, Flatbush, and New Brighton. The Secretary is to preach the dedication sermon at Atlanta on November 7th, speaking also on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday. He goes thence to Chattanooga, Louisville, and Cincinnati, to meet other engagements.

Department of Social and Public Service

In July and August this Department in co-operation with the Meadville Theological School conducted a summer school or institute of social service at Meadville, Pa. A four weeks' course of study and conference was arranged on the general theme of "The Church and the Social Movement." The institute was designed for ministers, parish workers, theological students and anyone who might be interested in the development of social service work in the churches. While the majority of those enrolled were Unitarians, there were in attendance Baptists, Methodists, Christian Scientists and members of other denominations. Representatives of England, Holland and Canada were present as well as several who were but one remove from the Old World. Those responsible for the conduct of the school had some slight misgiving lest the

European War should be the occasion of unpleasant differences of opinion among the students but the heartiest cordiality and goodwill prevailed throughout the whole period of the institute; thus illustrating the truth that if we realize each other's sincerity of purpose and kindness of heart we can live together entirely without misunderstanding or friction.

The physical setting of the school was charming. Meadville is a beautiful city and the Theological School where the institute was held is admirably adapted for the purpose. The buildings were amply sufficient for the accommodation of those who came from a distance and the broad lawns with their fine trees afforded every opportunity for a delightful outdoor life. The sessions of the institute were held in a large tent erected for the purpose, the sides of which could be lowered, so that the lectures and other work were carried on practically in the open air. The daily routine was morning prayers at ten minutes after nine, followed by three hours of lectures. Occasionally lectures were also given in the evening. The afternoons were devoted to excursions and "hikes" or were spent as individual preference might suggest.

Each week was devoted to some one topic approached from different points of view, and the length of time given to it permitted a comprehensive and well-rounded discussion. The subject of the first week was "The Church and Recreation and Education." Professor Anna Garlin Spencer gave five lectures on the church and the cultivation of the social imagination which included a study of festivals and pageants. Dr. G. W. Tupper of Boston had three lectures on the church in relation to the immigrant, and Mr. Wiers of Montclair covered the subject of the church and the open forum in its various aspects. Mr. Clarence A. Perry of the Russell Sage Foundation and Mr. George A. Bellamy of Hiram House, Cleveland, gave five hours to the discussion of public recreation. The subject of the second week was "The Church and Public Health" which included housing and sanitation, covered by Mr. Elmer S. Forbes of this Department, Mr. Bernard J. Newman, secretary of the Philadelphia Housing Commission, and Professor Spencer. Probably the third week was the most interesting to the greatest number as it dealt with "The Church and the Labor Movement." Rev. Nicholas Van der Pyl, of Haverhill, Mass., outlined the labor movement in its different phases of trades unionism, socialism, syndicalism, etc., and concluded with a program for the church in the present struggle for industrial democracy. Professor Spencer gave five hours on women and children in industry, and a particularly interesting feature was a series of conferences led by different persons on profit-sharing, co-operative distribution and other similar experiments. The fourth and last week covered the topic of "The Church and the Dependent and Delinquent Classes," and Alexander Johnson, so widely known as the former secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, discussed the community and its defective members, and illustrated his address by charts, figures and the stereopticon. Three notable lectures were given by Prison Commissioner Frank L. Randall of Massachusetts on methods of dealing with criminals.

Space only permits the enumeration of the good things that were presented at the school, but it may be said that what was begun as an experiment very quickly passed from the tentative stage to that of permanence. The school will hold its second session in the summer of 1916. The expense is very small and undoubtedly a still larger number will avail themselves then of the opportunity to gain a practical knowledge of some of the great questions which are forcing themselves upon our attention. Thirty dollars will cover all the fixed charges for four weeks including registration fee, room and board. Mr. Forbes will be glad to give further details of the school and its work to any who may be interested.

During the summer there was issued the 36th number of the Social Service Bulletin, entitled "A Community Welfare Week," by Mr. William Lloyd Davis of Madison, Wis. He describes in considerable detail a movement for

community betterment in a Middle Western town of about 13,000 population. He shows how the town was awakened to the condition of affairs in the different departments of its municipal life. He points out how the citizens discovered the waste, inefficiency and financial loss of which they were the victims, and then gives the plan of organization which resulted in substantial improvement in all directions, sanitation, housing, recreation, education, etc. This bulletin will be valuable in hundreds of the smaller communities where municipal affairs are now going at sixes and sevens. The cities with their trained officials are able to handle almost any problem which presents itself, but the towns and villages have no such resources. If anything is to be done in the way of improvement, it must be by the citizens themselves. Taken in connection with Bulletin No. 20 of this series it points the way to a substantial improvement in community conditions which the people of even the smallest village can readily accomplish for themselves.

Department of New Americans

The Secretary of the Department has just returned from an interesting trip among the Scandinavian missions maintained by the Association in the Northwest. His first stopping-place was Virginia, Minn., where he spent a Sunday with the Finnish church of which Rev. Risto Lappala is the minister. This church is making definite progress and bids fair to be the mother church of a number of Unitarian parishes among the Finnish people in the United States. The liberal spirit is strong among them and is being diligently cultivated by both Mr. and Mrs. Lappala. His own work prevents Mr. Lappala from going far from home but his wife is in constant demand for lectures and addresses on the modern interpretation of religion. If it were possible to secure the right type of ministers, there is no question but what a large work could be developed among this people.

From Virginia the secretary went to Winnipeg. There he preached to a large congregation in the Icelandic church, and also had an interesting and profitable meeting with the Board of Trustees at the home of the president, Mr. Petursson. Like all the churches in Winnipeg this one has been seriously affected by the war. Business is depressed and income has fallen off, but the Trustees are facing the emergency courageously and will carry forward the work in spite of this difficulty. Since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Arnason, Rev. Rögnvaldur Petursson has been supplying the pulpit and will probably continue so to do throughout the winter. While in Winnipeg the secretary visited the Icelandic outposts farther north. In the vicinity of Lake Manitoba, Rev. Albert Kristjansson has two well established congregations, one at Mary Hill and the other at Otto in the Shoal Lake district. This is an interesting country for a New Englander, accustomed as he is to a varied scenery of hills and valleys and upland meadows. Immediately upon leaving Winnipeg one enters upon a vast plain, extending it is said for 200 miles east and west and for an indefinite distance to the north. On the western prairies of the United States the land is rolling, and in driving across them one finds many short but rather steep ascents. Unlike them the great plain of Manitoba is level as a floor. Here and there saucerlike depressions or "slues," filled with water in wet seasons, are to be seen but there seem to be none of the brooks and streams so common in the East. These northern prairies have a thick growth of scrub, consisting of bushes, small birches, oaks, and other trees, all of low growth, interspersed with natural clearings, some large and others quite small. There are no landmarks visible to the unaccustomed eye, the roads are simply trails straggling out into the void, and a stranger would quickly lose himself if he attempted to find his way alone. The country is very new, the first settlers having come in about thirteen years ago. Many of the original farmsteads, built of small logs chinked with mud or mortar, still remain, but the coming of the railroad has made available the products of the saw mill and the early primitive dwell-

ings are now disappearing. Two years ago the Canadian Northern built a line through this region. A village has developed at Lundar. Like so many towns of the West and Northwest it is laid out foursquare, with streets much too wide for economical paving and upkeep running east and west and north and south. It contains perhaps 200 souls, with a church and school and postoffice, but happily with no saloon. This village is only three or four miles distant from the Mary Hill church and is quite as convenient a center for the larger part of the congregation. Two lots in the central part of the town have been secured and it is proposed this winter as soon as the ground freezes to move the church from Mary Hill to this new and more strategic location.

This whole region is a farming country and centers of population are few and far between. The churches are established where they will be most convenient for the greatest number. The congregation at Otto are just finishing a neat and commodious building which stands alone by itself on the prairie and yet is at a convenient spot for a majority of the people. The faithful work of Mr. Kristjansson is establishing these two congregations on broad and solid foundations. It is an interesting fact that no Icelandic Unitarian church has ever been discontinued. Once established, it endures. And even though there may be long periods when there is no settled minister, still the interest continues and the work is never suffered to fail. Such persistence and enthusiasm demand cordial recognition and assistance from our stronger parishes in the East. From Otto it was necessary to return to Winnipeg and start off in another direction to visit the town of Gimli ("Hall of Odin") on the shores of Lake Winnipeg where we have had a church for a good many years. This is perhaps our only "first church" across the Canadian border. The church building is a substantial structure of good size and stands on a large lot on the main street of the town. The congregation is strong in numbers and in enthusiasm, but it is hampered owing to the lack of an Icelandic minister. It is hardly possible as yet to have a minister who speaks only English, as the stream of immigration from Iceland still continues and many of the people do not as yet sufficiently understand English to make the ministrations of an English-speaking clergyman acceptable. Here the secretary was almost overwhelmed by the generous hospitality of the people, and on a rough and stormy evening there was a large attendance at a reception given him at the church. Among the Icelanders as among the Finns there is a large opportunity for the propagation of our faith. No other denomination has met with any success among them, and the prospects are that in the future the churches will either be Lutheran or Unitarian. Every effort should be made to extend our work and the only hindrance to rapid development is the lack of ministers.

The last Sunday of the secretary's stay was spent with Mr. Norman at Hanska. As a result of his unremitting and faithful labor a strong and active church has been built up among the Norwegians. Here in the course of twenty years Mr. Norman has created a "plant" which would be a credit to any eastern parish. Church, parsonage and parish hall together form a center of light and leading which is exercising a wide influence throughout the surrounding country. Mr. Norman is interested in civic righteousness as well as church development and has been instrumental in effecting a number of reforms, notably the exclusion of the liquor traffic from the town of Hanska. It is indeed fortunate that we have such a wise minister at the head of our most important Norwegian church. He has plans for the extension of his work but needs a helper to realize them. It is to be hoped that such an assistant will appear in the not distant future.

It may be said that the Scandinavian missions are all sound and healthy and that if the number of educated and trained ministers could be increased there is no reason why the number of churches could not be multiplied.

Isles of Shoals

Star Island, one of the Isles of Shoals, has been purchased by Mr. Lewis Parkhurst, a Unitarian layman and a member of the firm of Ginn & Co., publishers, of Boston. In this purchase, Mr. Parkhurst acted as the representative of the Unitarian organization known as the Isles of Shoals Summer Meetings Association, which has been holding meetings on Star Island regularly for the past 19 years, also of the Congregational body, known as the Congregational Summer Conference Association, which has been holding meetings at the same place for the past two yeays. The price paid was $16,000, of which sum $2,000 was paid at the time of transfer, $5,000 is to be paid on the first of January, and the balance on the second day of April. According to present plans, the Island is to be held and administered by a holding body representing the two organizations above named, the majority, by common agreement, being composed of Unitarians, and is to be administered forever for religious and educational purposes. It is expected that the Unitarian Summer Meetings, which have hitherto been held on Star Island, will be continued. Other religious and educational bodies will be invited to hold their conventions at the same place, for which purposes the Island is ideally adapted.

Department of Publicity

In pursuance of the resolution at the Annual Meeting, calling for greater missionary activity, the Association has commissioned Rev. Edwin A. Rumball, for some years minister of our church in Rochester, N. Y., to give his time to promoting new methods of publicity among the churches and to place his services at the disposal of societies desiring suggestions and new methods looking toward greater efficiency. Mr. Rumball has been at work since September and in that time has spent a week at Pittsfield, Mass., with visits of shorter duration at Laconia, N. H., and North Andover, Mass. He is now laboring at Huntington, W. Va., and at Pittsburg, Pa., with other applications awaiting him. Mr. Rumball is giving generously of his time and strength in assisting churches with local problems and is accomplishing much in the way of practical suggestions and advice along lines of church organization, of which he has made an extensive study. To meet all the demands which have been made upon him will require a considerable time and any societies having problems upon which they would welcome the assistance of Mr. Rumball would do well to notify the officers of the Association at an early date.

Mr. Rumball has in mind the preparation of a manual from which church officers may secure in printed form many of the suggestions which he makes as the result of a personal visit. If this is prepared due announcement will be made so that any societies or individuals can avail themselves of it.

The New Hymn and Tune Book

Publication Department

In spite of the large number of churches reported in the October *Word and Work* as having adopted the New Hymn and Tune Book during the summer we are able to announce that two more societies have been added to our list. These are Orlando, Florida and Roslindale, Mass. This Department is ready to assist ministers or committees with suggestions for promoting the book among their respective congregations.

Word and Work

Excellent results can be reported for the group rates on *Word and Work*. Already ten societies have sent in lists of various lengths and many others have taken the circulars and are canvassing for names, so that we hope by another month the list of subscriptions on this plan will be double that of last year. The co-operation of many more ministers is earnestly solicited to give this new feature the support which it deserves. The banner church so far is Rockland, Mass., with one hundred names, where the minister reports that "every one he approached seemed glad to subscribe."

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Anna M. Bancroft, *President*
Hopedale, Mass.

Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer*
11 St. John St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Rec. Sec.*,
25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Cor. Sec.*,
226 Windermere Ave., Wayne, Pa.

Alliance Meetings at the General Convention

For enthusiasm, for members and for Unitarian zeal, there never was a better Alliance Luncheon than the one held at San Francisco on August twenty-fifth. Five hundred and twenty women sat down together in the parlors of the church and to those of us who were far from home it added the final touch of joy that we were entertained in the church rather than in one of the purely social gathering places of the city. The tables were decorated with the fruits of California and flowers and greenery were everywhere. The speeches following the luncheon were all alike and yet not monotonous. Everyone was full of the happiness of being together and of knowing each other better and of one common thought. Our likenesses were so many and our differences so few at this most broadly national gathering we have ever held. We missed perhaps more than anyone else our Unitarian friends from the Rocky Mountain region, realizing as we did so how few and courageous these women are, how wide the spaces that separate us, and what the joy of meeting is.

On Saturday morning after the General Conference was over we held a Conference of workers to discuss practical matters of Alliance business. There had been many meetings, and all sorts of sight seeing projects tempted, but the attendance was large and we talked of the work of The Alliance for nearly three hours. Mrs. Lloyd Baldwin of San Francisco presided opening the meeting with a praise service in the course of which we sang Theodore Williams' "brother hymn," the best of all choices for such an occasion. Nothing strangely new came out of that Conference perhaps but a closer knitting together of our hearts and a new consecration to our work were the fruit of that morning's discussion.

At Los Angeles a meeting and reception had been arranged and there we held the last Alliance Meeting of the journey, like the others a series of little talks discussing our work and experience from different angles.

(The Chairman of the Junior Fellowship Committee believes that Junior Branches will find suggestions for definite lines of work in this report.)

Fourth Annual Report of the U. H. Club, the Jamaica Plain Junior Alliance

Read at the annual meeting of the Senior Alliance April 28, 1915.

Seven regular meetings of the club have been held in the Parish House from October 1914 to April 1915, on the second Monday of each month from three o'clock to five.

There are now 24 members, an increase of four over last year and the largest membership we have had, the average attendance being 19. The work for each meeting has been planned by the Ways and Means Committee as follows:

At the October meeting, 15 bags of blue galatea with red strings and numbers were made for the sewing classes of the South End Industrial School. In November, 50 candy bags were made for Mrs. Peterson's Christmas tree at Dix House, and were filled at a special meeting. At the December, January and February meetings, the club worked on 24 flannel petticoats of three sizes for

Belgian children. In March and April, we made 66 May baskets for our Sale to be held on April 30th.

The business meetings were called to order at about 4.15 P.M. A special committee was appointed to select sentences to read after the opening hymn. Two groups have been chosen thus far and we intend to have a third later. The usual reports were read and the business transacted.

We have had 18 visitors at our meetings, all from the Senior Alliance, except four guests from the West Roxbury Junior Alliance, and Miss Weld, who came to tell us about the District Nurse. We should like very much to have anyone who is interested visit us next year.

As the club was so large, four members served on the Refreshment Committee each month. The Executive Committee had an interesting meeting in the Parish House in the Christmas vacation, and after it, prepared their own luncheon. Later they were joined by the rest of the club, and all went to the Castle Square Theatre to see "Snow White." Two members spent a Saturday morning in December at the South End Industrial School, and helped tie up the Christmas presents the children in the Sewing classes had made for their mothers. Again in April two more members went to the closing session of the Sewing classes, and helped pass the ice-cream,etc. In February five members visited the Junior Alliance in West Roxbury, and enjoyed their interesting meeting. The club was asked to take charge of the Candy Table at the "Garden Sale" of the Senior Alliance in March. Fourteen members waited on table during the day, and others helped in the entertainment and in serving tea.

Our annual meeting comes on May 10, for the election of officers and to make our appropriations. The guests at this meeting will be the members from our Sunday School who are now old enough to join the club. Our "May-day Sale" comes on Friday at 4 P.M. There will be a Play at 4.45. Please help us to make this a success.

RUTH E. WEST,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Annual Report May, 1915

Jamaica Plain, Mass., Junior Alliance

Receipts

Balance May 11, 1914	$112.88
From membership fees	12.00
From May Basket Sale and Play, April 30, 1915	64.77
	$189.65

Expenditures

May 11, 1914 Appropriations:	
Parish House Window	$50.00
District Nurse	10.00
J. P. Friendly Society	5.00
S. E. I. S. Sewing Classes	5.00
Picnic for Glynn family	3.00
Floating Hospital	10.00
Country Week	10.00
Sunday School Society	10.00
Oct. Gift of fruit	.50
Oct. to April 1915, materials for work at monthly meetings	12.10
April Fee to Senior Alliance	4.00
Postage	.27
Balance May 10, 1915	69.78
	$189.65

ANITA LEE, *Treasurer.*

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held October 8, 1915, the President in the chair.

Mrs. Davis gave a characteristic account of the Pilgrimage, dwelling on the loyalty of the branches and the hospitality of the members in the several places visited, of the wonderful gathering of Alliance women in San Francisco, representing so many states and so varied conditions, the inspiring meetings with excellent addresses, and best of all, the new and larger sense of fellowship that is the outcome. Mrs. Davis expressed her hope that a generous response would come to the call for help for the churches of western Canada, a cause endorsed by the Board at its September meeting.

Mrs. Blair for the Endowment Fund Committee suggested that a committee

be formed in each branch to reach every member, asking some contribution to the Fund, not as obligatory, but as a sign of denominational loyalty, and from the wish to strengthen the work which she may thus show she believes to be worth while. Possible contributors outside the branch should not be overlooked. A sum in excess of $3100 has already been received, largely from individuals in gifts ranging from $1. to $500. If each member could contribute $1.25, or each branch make up such an amount, the full sum would be realized. In answer to the question, What use is to be made of the income? the Board had in mind the strengthening and increasing of our work and in particular having branches receive more visits from local or general officers. The first call came from the far west with the petition that the message of religious freedom and happiness be carried to the farthest line where wait the seekers.

Votes of thanks and appreciation were offered to Mrs. King for completing so satisfactorily the History begun by Mrs. Fifield; to Miss Burt, Chairman of the Printing Committee, for valued assistance with copy and proof; and to Mrs. Davis who as Chairman of the History Committee has supervised the entire work and produced the attractive book that is now offered for sale. The charge for the edition with stiff covers will be 60 cents each, postage extra. The postage rates for the 25 cent book are as follows: Maine, 6 cents; the rest of New England 5 cents (except northern Vermont, 6); New York and New Jersey 6 cents (except western New York, 7); Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, 7 cents (Philadelphia, 6); Canada, 7 cents; North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, 8 cents; Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, 9 cents; Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, 11 cents; far west, 12 cents.

These are the rates from Boston. A supply of books will be kept at headquarters in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco, that postage charges may be reduced for those in the neighborhood of these several offices.

It was reported that Massachusetts has now over 11,000 members and is entitled to two additional directors.

Mrs. Paul M. Chamberlain of Unity Church, Chicago, Illinois, was elected vice-president of the western section.

Miss Katharine Allen of Madison, Wisconsin, was added to the committee on College Centers.

A new branch was reported, Hudson, Massachusetts, Dr. S. Manning Perkins, President, Mrs. Fred F. Trull, Secretary.

Many suggestions were received from Board members that may later be reported to the branches by their directors.

The next meeting will occur November 12, 1915.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Note the following changes in officers' names and addresses: President of Philadelphia, (Pa.) First Branch, Mrs. Robert L. Hilles, 963 Orthodox Street, Frankford; President of Bolton (Mass.) Branch, Mrs. H. B. Newton; Corresponding Secretary of West Somerville, (Mass.) Branch, Mrs. Katherine Ball, 15 Lowden Avenue; President of Stoneham (Mass.) Branch, Mrs. B. J. Hinds, 29 Cedar Avenue; Recording Secretary of Quincy (Mass.) Branch, Mrs. E. B. Marsh, 41 Irving Place. The address of Mrs. Seymour H. Stone, President of West Roxbury, Mass. Branch, is now 12 Emmons Road; that of Mrs. F. R. Washburn, Recording Secretary of Christ Church, Dorchester, is 1086 Commonwealth Avenue, Allston; that of Mrs. J. V. Van Meter, Corresponding Secretary of the branch at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is 209 East 12th Street. East Boston asks that all communications be sent to the Secretary.

The new branch of Norfolk, Va., will hold its first sale December 15, 1915, and solicits fancy articles from its sister branches. Please send before December 8 to Mrs. Laurence Waring, 272 39th St., Norfolk, Va.

News from the Branches

The Cleveland Branch has printed its minister's sermons and has placed volumes of them in the Public Library and has also got the Library Board to subscribe for the Unitarian Advance and the Christian Register. They have gone further and placed these two periodicals in the reading rooms of two Universities and of the Y.M.C.A., and the Y.W.C.A.

Marietta, Ohio, is paying $10. a month to one of its own members to teach backward children in the public schools some hand work to help their head work. This supplementary work was only begun in February but has already proved its usefulness.

Toledo, Ohio, has sent 100 volumes to circulating libraries and has distributed ten dollars worth of the Winnepeg publications to shut-ins and isolated mountain schools.

Hamburg, New York, has no Unitarian church but a group of eight Unitarian women five years ago feeling the need of proper recreation for the young people of the town formed an Alliance Branch, that being the only logical thing for Unitarian women to form. The president writes of their experience: "As our plans matured, we found many other women of various denominations interested so that now we original eight form a good deal less than half of the membership. Through our efforts the schoolhouse has a $500 equipment of gymnastic apparatus and a social service director at a salary of $1,000 a year, and we have a large number of boys and girls enjoying all its privileges. We do have a Post Office Mission Committee and we are going to do some cheerful letter work and we hope each day our influence as a Unitarian body may grow stronger."

The branch at Washington, D. C., has a remarkably active Sunday School Committee. They have had the walls of the Sunday School room redecorated and electric lights installed. They have planned and carried to a successful conclusion a Sunday School Institute in which teachers and officers of the schools of the Congregational, Episcopal, Universalist, Presbyterian, and Baptist churches and the Society of Friends took part. The branch continues to work for the new church building and this year added $1,000 to the fund by a fair.

Hobart, Indiana, writes: "We were deeply touched by the response to our requests at the time of our bazaar. It seemed wonderful to us who had grown so accustomed to working alone. It demonstrated to those members who had not felt the bond of union before, what The Alliance really is."

A paper on the Unitarian Hymn Book has been given at Franklin, N. H. The reading was interspaced with the singing of some of the hymns. No better way could be devised to make us familiar with the unusually good music of our new hymnal.

The Burlington, Vt., branch has been raising funds by lending to each member $1.00 from its treasury with the request that each dollar should be returned with an increase which had been earned by its use in the hands of the borrower. 116 members returned their dollars with a net increase of $300.

Some branches have adopted the custom of taking a penny collection at each meeting or having a box on the table in some conspicuous place into which pennies may be dropped. A neat little sum is so collected that may be used for Appeals at the end of the season, or for flowers for the church, or for the sick and shut-ins, or for some other good object that Alliance ingenuity will suggest.

The West Roxbury Branch is doing much for its young folks. There are organizations for both boys and girls. The young women of the Junior Alliance lead the singing in the Sunday School and are working conscientiously to train themselves for choral singing while The Alliance Branch helps pay for the instructor.

Lexington says "members have responded cordially when asked to write papers and there is no better way to arouse general interest."

The amount of work done by the branches and the interest shown by them in the broader aims of The Alliance seems sometimes to be in inverse ratio to the size of the branch. Ashby, Mass., is nine miles from the nearest railroad and numbers thirty members. They have two meetings a month, one of them an all day session. They have had a neighborhood meeting and two for which speakers were engaged from outside, and have a thriving study class. They sent twenty-five dollars to the sufferers from the Salem fire and twenty-five more to the Red Cross Society, have answered the appeals in Word and Work, sent a delegate to the Alliance meetings of Anniversary Week, and paid her expenses, have helped defray the expenses of the home church, have contributed money for local charities, and are now sewing for the Children's Mission.

They keep in touch with the work of the main body of the Organization, and respond as often as possible to its demands.

Several of the Eastern Massachusetts branches co-operated in a neighborly way to help the Sudbury Branch annual Harvest dinner on October 12, Columbus Day. The Branch has but thirteen members and nearly three hundred people were served. Sudbury is one of the very old towns of Massachusetts some twenty miles from Boston, but not being upon a direct thoroughfare to the city, the younger inhabitants have gradually moved nearer to the business centre, so that at the present time the church, one of the very old ones of the denomination, and the Alliance branch have become practically synonymous, and it is through the earnest efforts of this small band of women that the church is being kept alive.

All during the year the members sew upon articles for the useful table of this sale, fruits, preserves and jellies in great abundance are contributed by their own members, while the candy table has been stocked through the generosity of several neighboring branches and the articles for the fancy table have been contributed by other branches. The fame of the good New England cooking to be had at this dinner has spread to places in the vicinity, so that many automobilists make a point of bringing up at Sudbury in time for dinner.

Women from the Waverley branch for a number of years took charge of the candy table, then Waltham followed, while this year Weston assumed it, being assisted by contributions from Waltham and Wayland. Several young ladies went over from Newton to assist in the serving of the dinner, as has been done by others in previous years. It is impossible to give exact proceeds at this early date, but it is safe to say that they will considerably exceed $200.

The Montague Mass. Alliance will hold its Annual Fair December 10th. For over eighty years this rural church has proclaimed the Liberal gospel. It has no endowment and depends largely on the Alliance Branch to enable it to keep up religious services.

For three years the Alliance has given annually over $300.00 to the Home Church, besides answering many appeals.

Will friends kindly remember Montague before December 10th, sending articles to Ellen S. Birks, Secretary.

Appeals.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor, Mass., preaching	$372.
Meadville Students	232.
Pacific School Students . . .	220.
Ellsworth, Me., parsonage . .	548.
Long Beach, Cal., church furnishings	198.
Seattle, Wash. University Church furnishings	798.
Italian Mission	277.
Missionary in China	484.
War Relief	

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Sanford Bates, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The third regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1915-1916 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., on Wednesday afternoon, October 6, 1915, at 2.30 o'clock.

In the absence of the president or any vice president, Mr. McMurdie presided and there were present: Mr. Allen, Miss Cline, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Ryder, Miss Simmons, Miss Ward and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted; and the report of the treasurer showed practically but little change since last month.

The bills were presented and approved.

The secretary's monthly report for September was read and accepted.

The Union-at-Large has not yet sent out its literature for the month, *Word and Work* having just come from the printer.

The secretary reported for the Extension Committee, reading a letter from the chairman, Miss Richards.

The chairman of the Fair Committee, Miss Cline, reported favorably on work for the fair and again urged the Board members to use every means to gain patronage for this event.

Mr. Allen, for the Finance Committee, felt it inadvisable to send out appeals that would conflict with the fair; but a meeting is to be held shortly.

The secretary read several letters from absent members which were deemed most interesting by the members present.

The price of *Word and Work* was brought up; and, on motion of Miss Cline, it was

VOTED: that we make the price of a *Word and Work* subscription thirty-five cents, uniform with that of The Alliance.

Owing to the Fair's coming so close to the next regular Board meeting, it was

VOTED: that the November meeting be held on November 10.

As there was no further business

VOTED: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr,
Secretary.

Committees for 1915-1916

Finance

Mr. Chester R. Allen, *Chairman*, Dorchester, Mass.; Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie Belmont, Mass.; Mr. Joseph C. Kiley, Jamestown, N. Y.; Miss Emily J. Cline, Dorchester, Mass.; Mr. Berkeley B. Blake, Berkeley, Cal.

Publication

Rev. H. Houghton Schumacher, *Chairman*, Helena, Mont.; Rev. A. H. Spence, Jr., Needham Heights, Mass.; Mr. James E. Dobbs, Toronto, Canada; Miss Helen F. Schadee, Florence, Mass.

Speaking

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, *Chairman*, Cambridge, Mass.; Mr. James E. Lenington, Dallas, Texas.; Rev. Percy E. Lyndon, Eastport, Me.; Miss Grace R. Torr, Boston, Mass.; Mr. Henry G. Rogers, Yarmouth, Me.

Extension

Miss Marian D. Richards, *Chairman*, Brookline, Mass.; Mr. Arthur E. Ryder, West Bridgewater, Mass.; Mr. J. Harry Hooper, Wallaston, Mass.; Miss Bessie Jones, Beverly, Mass.; Mr. Conrad T. Waldie, Germantown, Pa.

Policy

Rev. Henry G. Ives, *Chairman*, Andover, N. H., Miss Caroline S. Burrage, West Newton, Mass.; Miss Emily I. Hargrave, Boston, Mass.; Rev. Harold G. Arnold, West Roxbury, Mass.; Rev. Henry T. Secrist, Meadville, Pa.; Miss Emma R. Ross, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rev. Eugene R. Shippen, Detroit, Mich.

NOMINATING

Chairman——; Rev. Charles J. Staples, Burlington, Vt.; Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell Brockton, Mass.; Miss Belle I. Smith, Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Eva Rose, Montclair, N. J.

South Middlesex Federation

The committee on the meetings of the South Middlesex Federation presented the following program for Sunday, October 17, 1915, when the first meeting of the year was held at Newton Centre, Mass., with sessions at four and seven o'clock.

Afternoon service at 4 P.M.
Devotional service, conducted by Rev. Alson H. Robinson of Newton Centre.
Report of the secretary.
Report of the treasurer.
Announcement of committees by the president.
Roll-call of delegates.
Report of committees.
Plans for the bazzaar.
Address by Rev. William I. Nichols of Sherborn, Mass.
[INTERMISSION]
Supper through the hospitality of the Hale Union, Newton Centre.
Evening session at 7 P.M.
Devotional service, conducted by Rev. Abbot Peterson of Brookline.
Solo.
Collection for the work of the feeration.
Address by Rev. J. Estlin Carpenter of Oxford, England.
Benediction by Rev. Alson H. Robinson.

The following is the calendar for the year's meetings of the South Middlesex Federation.

Oct. 17, Newton Centre, Mass.
Afternoon, Rev. William I. Nichols, of Sherborn, Mass.
Evening, Rev. J. Estlin Carpenter of Oxford, England.
Jan. 16, Waltham, Mass.
Afternoon, Miss Caroline L. Carter, of Hingham, Mass.
Evening, Rev. Otto Lyding of Roxbury, Mass.
Feb. 11, Indoor Picnic. Place to be decided.
Apr. 16, Place to be decided.
Afternoon, Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, of Cambridge, Mass.
Evening, Rev. Palfrey Perkins of Brighton, Mass.
May 6, Outdoor Picnic, Annual Meeting, Place to be decided.

Boston Federation

The following program of the Boston Federation is to be noted:

Nov. 28, Meeting at All Souls' Church, Roxbury, Mass.
Jan. 30, At the First Parish, Cambridge, Mass.
Apr. 30, Annual Meeting.

The Fair

As this issue reaches our readers, the fair will be in full swing, being held three days — Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 4, 5, and 6, at the Hotel Vendome, Boston. Next month's number will report partial results at least.

Absent Young People

A few names of young people away from home have been received. We hope to obtain a great many more, through the ministers and interested friends, during the present month. The Union-at-Large Committee is desirous of getting in touch with as many as possible right away. It is through this committee that *Word and Work* and other literature is mailed to the young friends away from home, so we should have their names at once; the chairman has first to write to these people, asking if such printed material would be welcome. Therefore unless the names are forthcoming, the work is considerably handicapped.

The $30,000 Fund

The treasurer, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, is hoping to have some substantial additions to this fund to report in the next few months. So far the fund

has now reached about $4000. Among our various activities, let us not lose sight of this very important phase of our young people's movement.

Notes from the Field

Los Angeles, California. "Plans have been made for regular meetings every other week and to assist the Woman's Alliance in the entertainments and the general socials of the church people. We are feeling the pinch of the unsettled business conditions."

Yarmouth, Maine. The Y. P. R. U. of Yarmouth has issued an attractive program for five months, with meetings every Sunday at seven o'clock.

Canton, Massachusetts. The Henry F. Jenks Union of Canton has resumed its meetings, holding two a month — the first Saturday for business and the third Sunday for devotional purposes, when a speaker is always provided.

Nathaniel Hall Society, Dorchester, Massachusetts. The Nathaniel Hall Society has distributed its first half-yearly calendar, having many interesting events in store. On October 31, this society observed its twentieth anniversary. "The activities of this society are carried on chiefly through committees; and, to secure a broader spirit of co-operation, this year the plan is being tried of assigning every member of the society to work on some one committee. The Guild Committee conducts the Sunday evening meetings — a short devotional service followed by an address dealing with some subject of a religious, ethical, or social nature. The Lend-a-Hand Committee assists in local charity work; special collections are taken at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Citizenship Committee aims to create interest in civic welfare. The Efficiency Committee concerns itself with membership. The Social Committee plans a supper, entertainment, or dance to be held in connection with the business meeting, on the third Friday of each month."

Fitchburg, Massachusetts. "The past year our union has been very successful. We held meetings each week, opening always with a chorus rehearsal of mixed voices; then we had our business meeting; and the remainder of the evening was spent socially. Our chorus sang on several special occasions — Christmas, Easter, etc. Our Sunday services were held once in two months, when we had different speakers, with stereopticon lectures. We are in hopes to have more Sunday services during the coming year. We also gave two entertainments: one, a play and the other, an operetta, both being successful. Much interest has been shown among our members and we hope that it will continue. One of our highest aims for the coming year is to get each one interested in the Isles of Shoals and to do all we can toward 'buying the Island'."

Montclair, New Jersey. "Our church in Montclair has just resumed services after the long summer vacation, so we have not as yet had any meetings. We have as usual lost a number of young people temporarily; namely, those going away to school or college for the first time and those returning for their second or later years. I wonder whether some others have this same problem to deal with — many of our number going away to school; and thus our Young People's Society is apt to be split up into a younger and an older group, who do not find very much in common."

Jamestown, New York. "Our Y. P. R. U. is more of a Junior Board, as our young ladies' society, The Adelphians, carry on the work which most of the societies of some other churches carry on; such as, Charity work, visiting the sick, etc. In our Sunday School, our young people are trained in the leadership of meetings, as different members are required to take charge of the opening service. Again these same young people or a number of them meet every Wednesday evening with the pastor and have a study class."

Toronto, Canada. "Each year we contribute to the Central Neighborhood House for their work among immigrants. We also support a cot in the Sick Children's Hospital here with twenty-five dollars a year, besides contributing through other channels as our funds will permit."

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Edgar S. Wiers, *President*, Montclair, N. J.
Mrs. Frank L. Young, *Vice-President*.
Rev. Chester A. Drummond, *Secretary*, Somerville, Mass.
Charles H. Stearns, *Treasurer*, Brookline, Mass.

At Last It Grows Less!

The report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, shows a heavy decrease in the consumption of wines, spirits and beer.

For years our consumption, per capita, went on rising: in the last ten years it began to be stationary, and now it begins to go down.

The report shows decrease in liquor dealers 16,276; decrease in consumption of fruit brandies 188,698 gallons; decrease in consumption of spirits distilled from grain 14,794,625 gallons; decrease in beer 6,358,774 barrels.

The tide has turned: education and prohibition are telling.

Will you not help: we offer free a sample poster, a silhouette of eight little figures, the people against alcohol, — Ty Cobb, Red Cross Nurse, Soldier, etc.

Will you not see that this little procession of the people now arrayed against alcohol is placed in your schools, shop windows, etc?

In New Bedford the district nurses will place it in every home that they enter because it tells the facts so picturesquely. Will you not have it distributed by your Alliances in some way?

Elizabeth Tilton,
11 Mason Street, Cambridge, Mass.

SOME CRITICISE THIS BOOK SEVERELY. OTHERS ARE STRONG IN ITS DEFENCE

WAR *and the* BREED

By DAVID STARR JORDAN

THE RELATION OF WAR TO THE DOWNFALL OF NATIONS

"War is not paid for in war time; the bill comes later."—Franklin

ONE of the arguments advanced in favor of war is that great conflicts are necessary in the great world-scheme as "clearing storms for the population," just as a great plague in congested districts plays its part in natural selection. But Dr. Jordan opposes this assertion, bringing to strengthen his opinion a striking array of facts, showing that war reverses the process of natural selection and fails to promote the "survival of the fittest." The men chosen for the armies are the flower of the nation, and in these days of diabolically-invented war machinery the strongest and the weakest may expect to share alike in the results of battle.

THE fathers of future generations are not those, therefore, who have been strong enough to escape the ravages of disease, but those who were either physically unfit for the army or fortunate enough to escape death in battle, though perhaps returning, after the war, maimed or weakened by service.

SUCH selection must inevitably work toward the downfall of that nation which engages in long or frequent wars, while peace—unarmed peace, without the evils attendant upon the conscription camp—leads ever upward to national health, strength and prosperity.

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